

14 April 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Alleged Chiseling on Painting Contract

1. Today I met with Mr. Ernest C. Baynard, Staff Administrator, House Subcommittee on Government Activities, and in line with his "don't break your back" statement told him of my inconclusive efforts to obtain Agency employees for interviews. Mr. Baynard said he understood and withdrew his request to meet with some employees who had performed escort duties with the painters during the repainting of the Agency building in 1965.

2. As earlier confirmed with Mr. George Meloon, Director of Logistics, I told Mr. Baynard that I am sure we could fulfill his other request for sample chips of paint from surfaces which had been painted under the 1965 contract and not repainted since. However, I pointed out that the GSA building manager holds all records pertinent to this sampling and that we believed that he should be involved in the "sample taking." Baynard agreed and also recognizes that the building manager may be required to report this up the line within the Public Buildings Services (PBS/GSA).

3. Baynard made the following additional requests in connection with the "sample taking":

- a. That Mr. Richard Berman, a staff member of the Subcommittee, and Mr. Paul W. Scott, the GSA employee who will analyze the paint samples, observe the "sample taking".
- b. That four or five sample chips be taken.
- c. That either I, or someone I felt was appropriate, select at random the walls from which the sample is taken, relying upon the PBS building manager for information on whether the wall selected had been repainted since the 1965 repainting.

4. I told Mr. Baynard that I would report his requirements and would be back in touch early next week.



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